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MEMORANDUM TO CLERKS, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS

SUBJECT: Increase in Fee for Adversary Proceedings under Item 6 of the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for Bankruptcy Courts (**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**)

EFFECTIVE: September 20, 2005

At its September 2004 session, the Judicial Conference, upon recommendation from the Committee on Court Administration and Case Management (CACM), approved an increase in the fee for filing a civil action under 28 U.S.C. §1914(a) from \$150 to \$250. Item 6 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, which sets forth the fee for filing an adversary proceeding, is linked to the civil action filing fee, and thus would have also increased. CACM, however, recommended that the increase to the adversary fee be held in abeyance to allow for its consideration by the Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System (the Bankruptcy Committee). The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference approved the temporary deferral. At its June meeting, the Bankruptcy Committee did not raise any objections to this increase. Thus, the fee for filing an adversary proceeding in a bankruptcy case will increase to \$250 and will continue to track the civil action filing fee. In accordance with the Executive Committee action, this **increase will take effect September 20, 2005.**

For accounting purposes, the new fee of \$250 will be distributed as follows: \$130.00 will be deposited in the 510000 account, and \$120.00 will be deposited in the 086900 account. A copy of the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule for Bankruptcy Courts is attached. Please call Mary Louise Mitterhoff or Mary Fritsche at (202) 502-1540 if you have further questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leonidas Ralph Mecham".

Leonidas Ralph Mecham

Attachment

cc: Chief Judges, United States Bankruptcy Courts